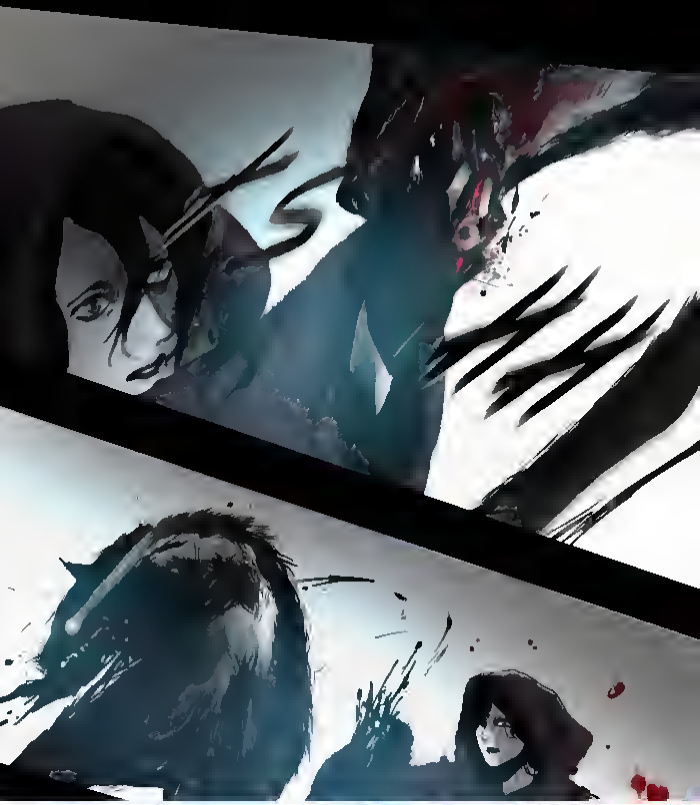

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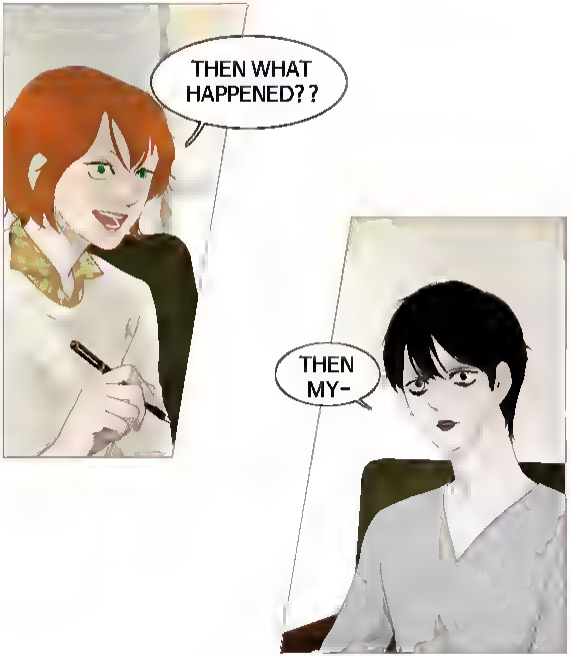
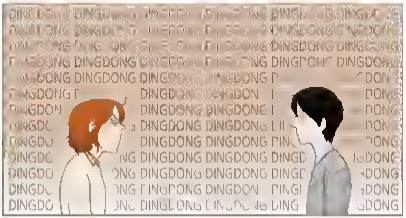
SO?!!


THEN WHAT HAPPENED??
THEN MY-

DING ~ DONG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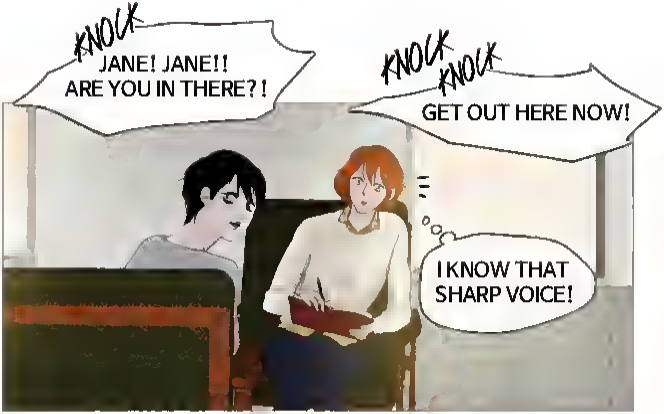
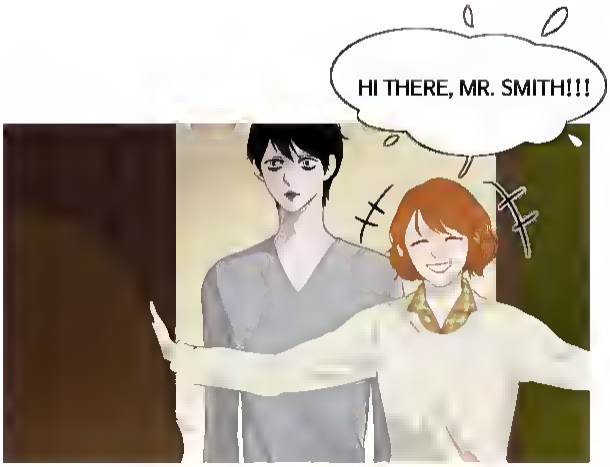

KNOCK
JANE! JANE!!
ARE YOU IN THERE?!
KNOCK KNOCK
GET OUT HERE NOW!
I KNOW THAT
SHARP VOICE!

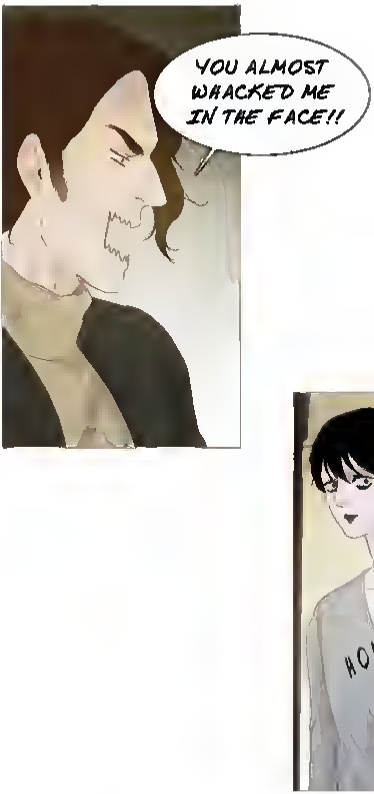
IT'S MR. SMITH!!!

COME WITH ME, WINTER! LET'S GO SAY HI!
-???
I'VE GOTTA ASK HIM FOR SOME UNDERWEAR FOR YOU!

JANE!
OPEN UP...

SWING!
AGH!!!


HI THERE, MR. SMITH!!!


YOU ALMOST WHACKED ME IN THE FACE!!
HOHOHO~

Y-YOU'RE MAKING ME... NERVOUS..
NERVOUS? WHY~
AH, YOU TWO HAVEN'T MET, HAVE YOU? THIS IS WINTER- WE'RE LIVING TOGETHER NOW. WINTER WOODS.

WINTER, THIS IS MR. SMITH.
HE LIVES NEXT DOOR. SAY HI!
TAP TAP

HELLO,
MR. SMITH.
!?
SMILE
SMILE

ANYWAY, JANE!
YOU KNOW WHY
I'M HERE. THIS WEEKEND,
IT'S YOUR TURN
TO CLEAN
HMM
REMEMBER
HOW UPSET I WAS WHEN
YOU DIDN'T DO IT
LAST TIME?

SIGH...
SORRY.
THINGS HAVE
JUST BEEN... SO HARD
FOR ME LATELY...
SNIFFLE
I'VE GOT ANOTHER
MOUTH TO FEED NOW,
AND NO MONEY...
HOW CAN THE WORLD
BE SO CRUEL...

JANE...
SOB SOB

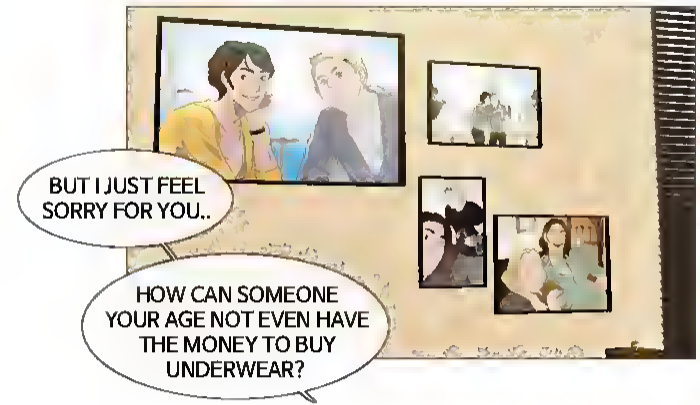
I DON'T BUY THAT CRAP FOR A SECOND... YOU'D BETTER DO THE CLEANING.... OR I'LL BE BACK...

DOWN TO BUSINESS
OKAY, MR. SMITH BY THE WAY I HAVE A FAVOR I NEED TO ASK YOU.
HE HE
I'M ASKING YOU THIS BECAUSE YOU'RE IN SUCH GOOD SHAPE AND HAVE A GREAT BODY...
HUH?
MUMBLE
COULD YOU... LEND ME... SOME OF YOUR UNDERWEAR?
MUMBLE
WHAT? SPEAK UP. I CAN'T HEAR A WORD

PLEASE LEND ME SOME UNDERWEAR!!!!!!!
SHOUT

W-WHAAAT?!!
JANNNE!!!
YOU PERV!!
? ?

Winter Woods


BUT I JUST FEEL SORRY FOR YOU..
HOW CAN SOMEONE YOUR AGE NOT EVEN HAVE THE MONEY TO BUY UNDERWEAR?

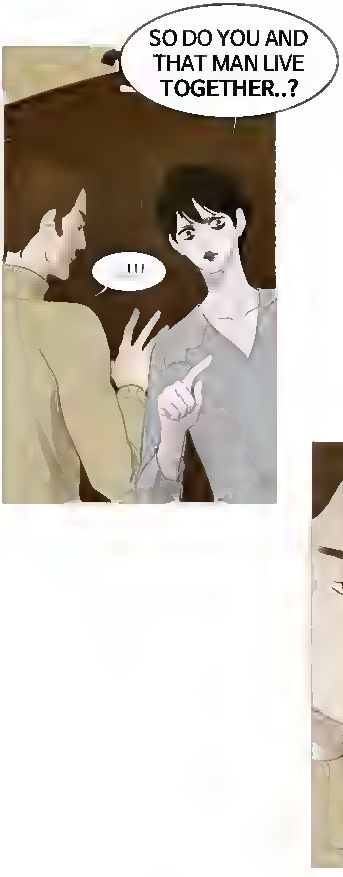
CHECK TO MAKE SURE THE SIZE IS RIGHT.
TURN
TURN
THANKS, MR. SMITH! THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'D FIT!

HUH!?

HEY LARRY!

WOW~
SO YOU HAVE TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE WHOLE BUILDING? MUST BE EXHAUSTING~
..IT'S NOT THAT BAD

AH.. I SEE.. HAHA..


SO DO YOU AND THAT MAN LIVE TOGETHER..?
!!!
YEAH, SO WHAT?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH TWO GUYS LIVING TOGETHER? IF TWO MEN LOVE ONE ANOTHER AND LIVE TOGETHER, DO YOU THINK THEY'LL GET PUNISHED FOR SOME REASON?
HE'S... OVERREACTING AGAIN...

WOULD YOU GET PUNISHED? I REALLY DON'T GET IT, MR. SMITH.

SO YOU DON'T THINK IT'S STRANGE THAT LARRY AND I LIVE TOGETHER?

NO, I DON'T.

REALLY??
I LIKE YOU ALREADY!
????
THERE ARE NO
LIMITS ON LOVE!

GAY OR STRAIGHT!! ANYONE CAN BE TOGETHER AS LONG AS THEY'RE HAPPY!!!

HAH, MR. SMITH... THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HE SAID TO ME WHEN I FIRST MOVED IN 2 YEARS AGO..

I REMEMBER.... HE LECTURED ME FOR ABOUT **3 HOURS.**

NOW REMEMBER! THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS "STRANGE" LOVE!

I UNDERSTAND, MR. SMITH.

WE'D BETTER GET GOING! THANK YOU FOR THE UNDERWEAR~
SO SOON? WHY NOT STAY A BIT LONGER?! I WAS ABOUT TO TEACH HIM ABOUT SEX~

HAHAHA... THAT'S OKAY! SEE YOU LATER!
AH~ ONE SEC!

I'LL GIVE THIS TO WINTER SINCE HE SEEMS LIKE SUCH A GOOD GUY!
PL~OP
T-THANK YOU, MR. SMITH!
WHY'RE YOU THANKING ME, JANE?
WINTER, MAKE SURE ONLY YOU EAT THAT STUFF!
ALRIGHT, MR. SMITH. THANK YOU.
POUT

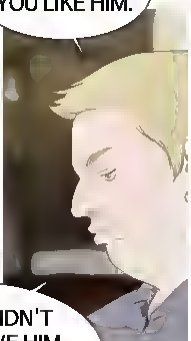
AH, AND JANE-
DON'T FORGET ABOUT
THE CLEANING!!
YEAH YEAH~
I'LL GET RIGHT ON IT~

CLICK

GEEZ, IT SCARED ME HAVING THEM COME IN ALL OF A SUDDEN LIKE THAT.
TAP TAP TAP TAP
YOU JUST HAVE TO PUSH A FEW BUTTONS TO CHANGE THE SCREENS ANYWAY.

ISN'T HE SOMETHING?
HE'S GOT NO BIASES AT ALL~
LIKE A LITTLE KID HEHE
I'D LIKE TO TEACH HIM
ALL KINDS OF THINGS.

LOOKS LIKE
YOU LIKE HIM.



GRUMBLE

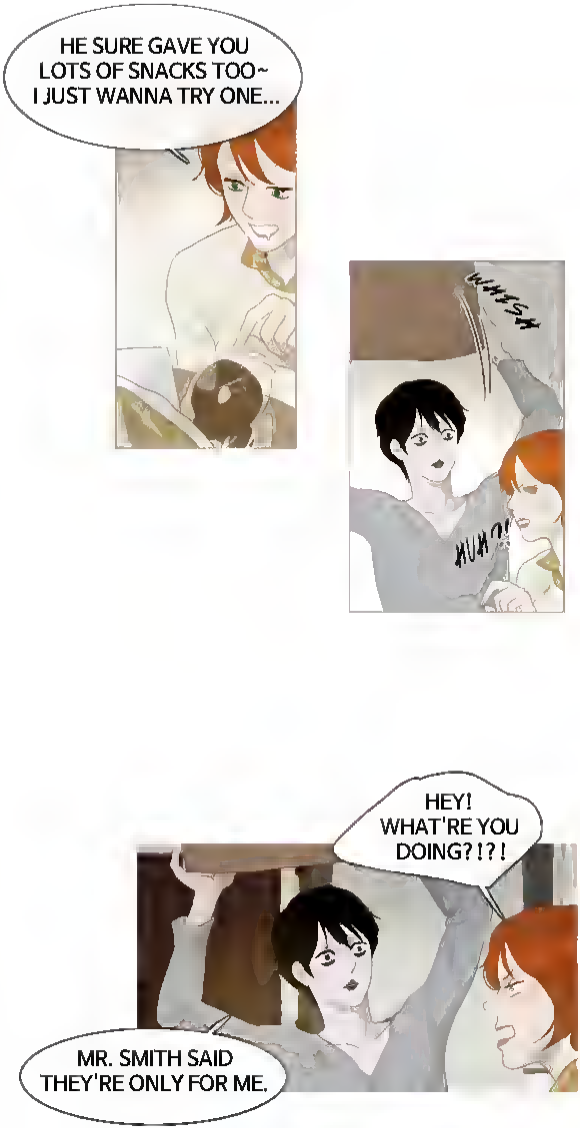
AND YOU DIDN'T
HAVE TO GIVE HIM
THAT UNDERWEAR.
I LIKED THOSE...

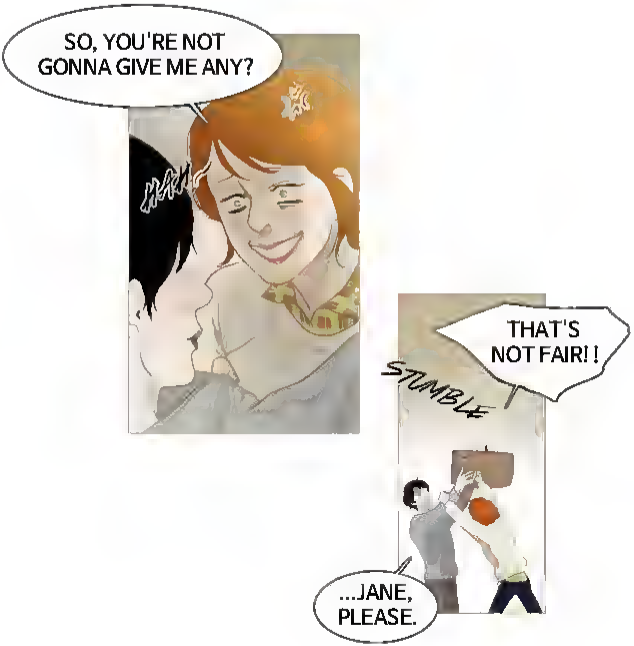
GRUMBLE

DON'T WORRY~
HE'S JUST A PUPPET!
DON'T BE
TOO JEALOUS~
HEHEHE
PULL
PULL

ANYWAY,
WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE?
WE ONLY HAVE AUDIO SET UP
IN JANE'S BATHROOM.
I COULDN'T TELL
WHAT WAS GOING ON!
I'D BETTER ASK THE BOSS
LATER~
HEY!
WHAT THE HELL!!!!!
JANE'S EATING
THE SNACKS I GAVE TO
WINTER!!!!!!!

UGH! STUPID CLEANING....
I'M GRATEFUL THAT HE LENT YOU SOME CLOTHES AND UNDERWEAR, BUT I HATE CLEANING~


HE SURE GAVE YOU LOTS OF SNACKS TOO~ I JUST WANNA TRY ONE...
MSHM
HUH?!
HEY! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!?!
MR. SMITH SAID THEY'RE ONLY FOR ME.


SO, YOU'RE NOT GONNA GIVE ME ANY?
MMM~
STUMBLE
THAT'S NOT FAIR!!
...JANE, PLEASE.

WHOOSH

CREAK

I'D BETTER FEED MY BABIES TOO~
CHEW
CHEW

HUH??
WHERE'VE YOU BEEN ALL THIS TIME?
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS! I DON'T ANSWER TO YOU.
YOU'RE SURE A STRANGE PARROT... THE WAY YOU TALK...
I TOLD YOU I'M NOT A STUPID PARROT!
STARE

JANE.

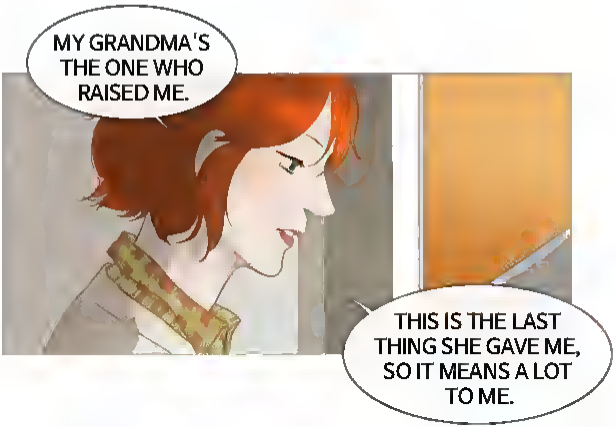
ISN'T THIS A SEED?
TAP
TAP

DON'T TOUCH THAT!!
SMACK
THIS IS VE~~RY PRECIOUS TO ME!
MY GRANDMA GAVE IT TO ME BEFORE SHE PASSED AWAY.

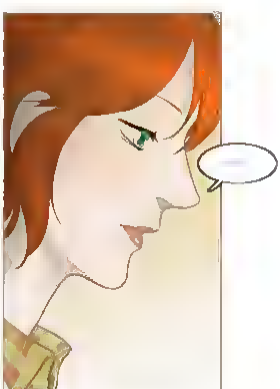
WHAT DOES PRECIOUS MEAN?
HUH? IT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT!

IT'S STILL JUST A SEED! IT'S NOT LIKE IT'D KILL YOU IF YOU LOST IT.
IT'S NOT "JUST A SEED"!! MY GRANDMA TOLD ME THAT IF I PLANT IT, SOMETHING AMAZING WILL HAPPEN!

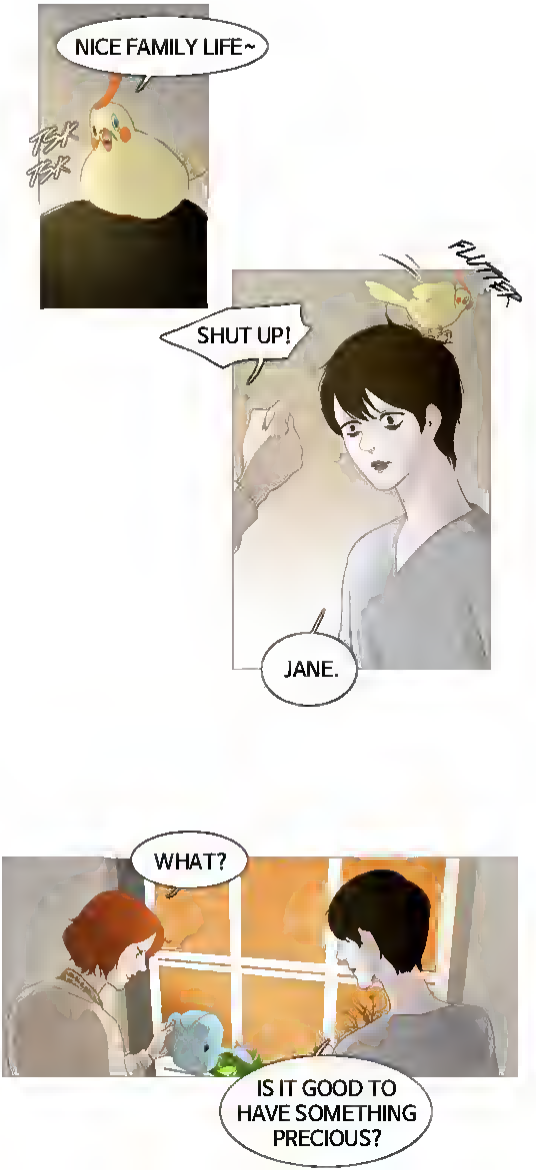
DO YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE THAT? LOOKS LIKE WRITING KIDS' BOOKS HAS DESTROYED YOUR SENSE OF REALITY...
YOU'RE THE ONE WITH NO SENSE OF REALITY!


MY GRANDMA'S THE ONE WHO RAISED ME.
THIS IS THE LAST THING SHE GAVE ME, SO IT MEANS A LOT TO ME.

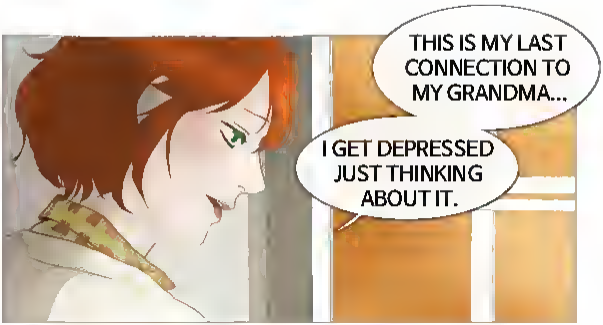
WHAT ABOUT YOUR MOM AND DAD?

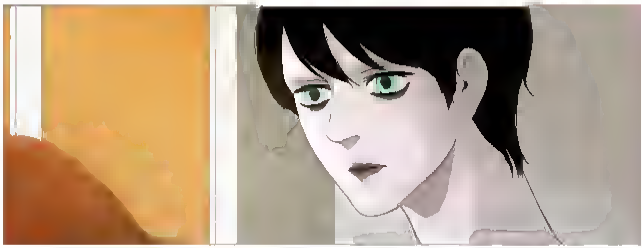


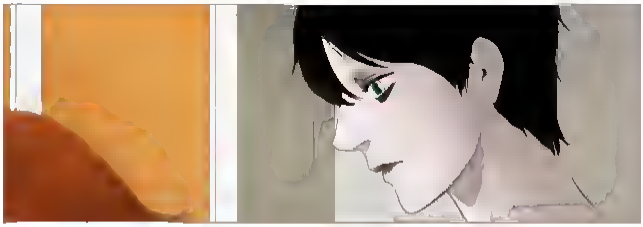
THEY GOT DIVORCED WHEN I WAS LITTLE AND WENT THEIR SEPARATE WAYS.
SO AFTER MY GRANDMA PASSED AWAY, I LEFT.

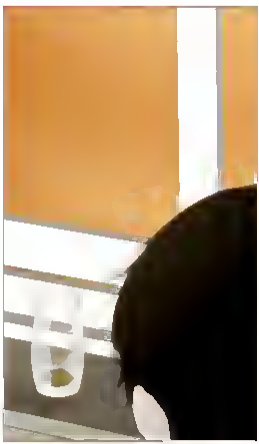

NICE FAMILY LIFE~
TSK TSK
FLUTTER
SHUT UP!
JANE.
WHAT?
IS IT GOOD TO HAVE SOMETHING PRECIOUS?

OF COURSE! EVERYONE'S GOT SOMETHING THAT MEANS A LOT TO THEM.
TRINKLE TRINKLE
...WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU IF YOU LOSE YOUR PRECIOUS THING?
MISSING
I DON'T WANNA THINK ABOUT THAT.


THIS IS MY LAST CONNECTION TO MY GRANDMA...
I GET DEPRESSED JUST THINKING ABOUT IT.







HAH—
THE DAY'S ALREADY ALMOST OVER AND WE DIDN'T EVEN DO ANYTHING.

I'D BETTER PUT THE FOOD FROM MR. SMITH IN THE FRIDGE.

HSHM

CLINK

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